

(c) if so, the justifications therefor; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard particularly to assess and meet the future energy needs of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Generation capacity of 9060 MW (wind power-6100 MW, small hydro power-1860 MW, bio power-1100 MW) has been set up as on 31.10.2006, corresponding to around 7 per cent of the total electricity generation capacity with a share of around 2.5 per cent in the electricity-mix. In addition, other programmes of solar thermal heating, biogas, etc. have saved significant amount of electricity and fossil fuels.

(b) and (c) Against a target of 3075 MW for grid-interactive renewable power installed capacity for the 10th Plan, the achievement upto 31.10.2006 is 5585 MW, corresponding to around 25 per cent of the total capacity addition during this period. The fact that the target has been exceeded is a matter of satisfaction.

(d) The Government is continuing its efforts to promote more of renewable energy capacity.

Integrated Rural Energy Programme

2807. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has decided to transfer Integrated Rural Energy Programme, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to the States without consulting the Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some States have represented to the Planning Commission to continue the Scheme with the Ministry;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry proposes to pursue the matter with the Planning Commission to continue the Scheme in the same form with the Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission had decided to transfer the Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) to the States without consulting the Ministry.

(c) to (e) Some States, including Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh had represented to the Planning Commission for continuation of the Scheme with the Ministry. Based on the representations of the States and the review of the scheme by the Prime Minister's Office, the Planning Commission have agreed to continue IREP in the same form with the Ministry, during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Solar energy under remote villages electrification programme

2808. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from some State Governments to provide solar energy under remote villages electrification programme during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Receipt of proposals from the states and their sanction by the Ministry is a continuous process. The State-wise details of the villages/hamlets, for which proposals for providing solar energy devices were sanctioned under the Remote Village Electrification Programme, during the last three years, i.e. 2003-04 to 2005-06, are given in the statement (See below). Since 2005-06, sanctions are provided after certification of the villages by Rural Electrification Corporation to the effect that grid extension will be unfeasible and for which complete proposals are received from the state governments.